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SUBJ: UNGA CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTL WITH HEAD OF FONOFF'S LEGAL
AFFAIRS DIVISION KUMAGAI AND HE CONFIRMED THAT GOJ VIEWED
AFRICAN PROPOSAL AS DANGEROUS AND PERHAPS FATAL BLOW TO
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CONVENTION. KUMAGAI THEN DREW ON CABLE FROM JAPANESE

MISSION IN NEW YORK TO DESCRIBE NOV 15 WESTERN GROUP MEETING AT WHICH US REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT LATINS MIGHT SUPPORT AFRICAN PROPOSAL IN EXCHANGE FOR AFRICAN SUPPORT OF BOLIVIAN ARTICLE ON ASYLUM. KUMAGAI SAID THAT MEETING REPORTEDLY ENDED WITH NO AGREEMENT ON POSSIBLE COMPROMISE PROPOSALS AND ASKED IF SINCE THAT TIME US HAD PUT FORWARD ANY NEW SUGGESTIONS. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT OTHER THAN SUGGESTION CONTAINED REFTEL HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY NEW US MOVE BUT WAS SURE THAT USUN WOULD KEEP JAPANESE MISSION IN NEW YORK FULLY INFORMED.

2. KUMAGAI SAID THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTATIONS WITHIN MINISTRY AND WITH MISSION IN NEW YORK BEFORE HE COULD RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST FOR DEMARCHES BUT PROMISED ANSWER WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

3. AT END OF MEETING KUMAGAI SAID THAT HE SHOULD HAVE ASKED SOMEONE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST BUREAU TO SIT IN BECAUSE OF OIL CRISIS AND "POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS" INVOLVED IF THE GOJ WORKED ACTIVELY AGAINST A PROPOSAL SUPPORTED BY THE THIRD WORLD. HE THEN CONCEDED HOWEVER THAT QUESTION WAS REALLY A LEGAL ONE AND SHOULD BE DECIDED ON ITS OWN MERITS.

4. COMMENT: AS INDICATED BY KUMAGAI'S REMARKS ABOUT "POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS", THE ENERGY QUESTION HAS PERVADED VIRTUALLY ALL ASPECTS OF JAPANESE FOREIGN POLICY. DESPITE GOJ RECOGNITION OF DANGER OF AFRICAN PROPOSAL, JAPANESE MAY THEREFORE BE RELUCTANT TO OPPOSE ACTIVELY THE AFRICAN EFFORT, ESPECIALLY IF EUROPEAN ACTION TO BLOCK PROPOSAL IS LESS THAN FULL FLEDGED. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP GOJ FULLY INFORMED OF FAVORABLE EUROPEAN RESPONSES TO US INITIATIVE.

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